

REMARKS:

Applicant, his principal representatives in Germany, and the undersigned have carefully reviewed the first Office Action of September 14, 2009 in the subject U.S. patent application, together with the prior art cited and relied on in the rejections of the claims. In response, the claims of the application have been amended to more clearly define the subject invention over the prior art cited and relied on. It is believed that the claims now pending in the application are patentable over the cited prior art applied in the rejections of the claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of each of dependent claims 20-22, 26 and 27 is also noted. In response, independent claim 18 has been amended to include the language of indicated allowable claim 20, which has been cancelled. Dependent claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of claim 18 from which it originally depended.

New claims 35-42 are being added. These claims are essentially the same as dependent claims 19-25 and 27. The new claims 35-42 depend from currently amended, indicated allowable independent claim 26. Their entry into the subject application is respectfully requested.

The prior art cited and relied on in the rejections of claims 18, 19 and 23-25 has been noted. The prior art cited, but not relied on in the rejections of the claims, has also been noted. Since all of the claims now pending in the application were either allowed over that prior art, or were indicated as being allowable over that prior art, no discussion

thereof is believed to be required.

SUMMARY:

All of the claims now pending in the subject application are believed to be patentable over the prior art cited and relied on. Allowance of the claims, and passage of the application to issue, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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